

REMARKS

With the cancellation herein without prejudice of claim 10, claims 11 to 18 are pending in the present application, since claims 1 to 9 were previously canceled. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been considered.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, PTO-1449 papers, and cited references.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 12 to 18 are allowable. In this regard, the Examiner will note that each of claims 12 (from which claim 13 depends), 14, 15 (from which claims 16 and 17 depend), and 18 has been rewritten herein in independent form and to include the features of its respective base claim and any intervening claim. The Examiner will further note that claim 11 has been amended herein without prejudice to depend from claim 12. Therefore, all of claims 11 to 18 are in condition for immediate allowance.

The remaining rejected claim has been canceled herein without prejudice, thereby obviating the remaining claim rejection.

Accordingly, all of the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as originally and/or previously presented in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 11 to 18 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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